(d) whether any inquiry has since been conducted into the matter and if so, what is the outcome thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) According to the Government of Rajasthan a raid was conducted on 8-7-89 and a large quantity of arms and ammunition including AK-47 rifles (4), Stengusn, (2) AK-47 rifles cartridges (2493), handgrenades (9), detonators (9), fuse wire, mines (20) and other explosive material were recovered from one Kundan Singh @ Kundan Lal Bawri resident of 17-KYD near Khajuwala Sector. PS Pugal, in Bikaner district.

(c) Three persons including the house-owner have been arrested in this connection.

(d) The case has been handed over to the C.B.I. for investigation.

Fire in the basement of Uphaar Cinema, New Delhi

1115. SHRI MUKHTIAR SINGH MALIK: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item which appeared in the Hindustan Times of the 7th July, 1989 to the effect that a major fire broke out in the basement of Uphaar Cinema in Green Park area of South Delhi on the 6th July, 1989.

(b) if so, what are the causes of this fire;

(c) what is the estimated loss of property

(d) what is the number of persons injured in the fire and whether any compensation has been paid to the affected persons; and

(e) whether any inquiry has since been conducted into the matter and if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SANTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) to (e) A serious fire incident occurred on 6-7-89 on the ground-floor of Uphaar Cinema building. Delhi. Police enquiries reveal that the fire was due to electrical short-circuit. Estimated loss of property is of Rs. 2 lacs. No one was injured in the incident.

Loans granted to poor farmers

1116. SHRI MUKHTIAR SINGH MALIK: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the ratio of loans granted to the farmers is very low in comparison to that granted to the industrialists;

(b) if so, what is the estimated amount of loans granted to the farmers for agricultural purposes during the last three years, year-wise and State-wise; and

(c) what is the total amount of loans granted to the farmers by each bank during the above period, year-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) The percentage share of advances to agriculture and Industry (large, medium and SSI) by Scheduled Commercial Banks in total outstanding was 16.9 per cent and 51.9 per cent respectively, as on December. 1988 (latest available).

(b) A statement regarding State-wise advances to Agriculture by Public Sector Banks for the years December 1984, 1985, 1986 and June, 1987

(latest available) is at Annexure [*See* Appendix CLI, Annexure No. 81]

(c) Bank-wise statement of advances to Agriculture by each of the 28 Public Sector Banks for the years December. 1984, 1985, 1986, 1987 and 1988 is at Annexure [*See* Appendix CLI, Annexure No. 82]

Frauds committed in banks

1117. SHRI MUKHTIAR SINGH MALIK: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of frauds committed in each bank in the country during the last three years, yearwise;

(b) what action has been taken by the management against the guilty officers/employees; and

(c) whether any steps have been taken by Government/bank management to check frauds in future and if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) Information in respect of number of frauds, as reported to RBI by public sector banks, for the years 1986. 1987 and 1988 is given in the statement (*See* below).

(b) Details in respect of action taken by public sector banks against their delinquent officials for their involvement in cases of frauds for the years 1986, 1987 and 1988 are as under:

	1986	1987	1988
(i) No. of employees convicted	51	88	99
(ii) No. of employees awarded major/minor penalties .	683	944	706

(Data provisional)

(c) By and large frauds have occurred in banks not on account of any lacunae in the systems and procedures, but owing to non-observance of the prescribed procedures and safeguards. Banks have books of instructions indicating precautions/checks which their staff should observe to prevent occurrence or recurrence of frauds. Banks are also taking steps to strengthen the control mechanisms, including the internal audit/inspection machinery, and to make them effective, so as to eliminate the scope of frauds and malpractices. Banks have been taking a serious view of the irregularities committed by their employees and initiate action to inflict punishment commensurate with the seriousness of irregularities on the part of the delinquent employees. They have been taking steps to ensure quicker disposal of departmental enquiries. Banks have reviewed and revamped their vigilance machinery. taken steps to tone up control and supervision, strengthen management information system, follow up and inspection/audit arrangements and for clearing the arrears in balancing of books and reconciliation of inter-branch and other accounts on a continuous basis so as to prevent frauds in these areas.